(iii) Expansion of the coverage of Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and National Rural Employment Programme.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Compulsory Registration of Powerlooms

1590. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken a decision in favour of compulsory registration of powerlooms;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the reasons which promoted Government to take such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI (KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The provision regarding compulsory registration is continued in the present policy with a view to getting the required data, considered essential for healthy development and regulation of powerlooms. It is envisaged that the registration will cover existing powerlooms and such new powerlooms, which are sought to be set up keeping in view locational guidelines.

Development of Wildlife Tourism Centre

1591. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the development of Wildlife Tourism Centre if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) in what manner the plan is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) whether there is any plan to select any site in Rajasthan and especially in Thar desert area of Western Rajasthan with a view to developing Wildlife Tourism Centre?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Department has taken a decision to develop tourism facilities in various Wild Life Sanctuaries, both for the domestic and foreign tourists. A provision of Rs. 560.00 lakhs has been made for the purpose for the duration of 7th Five Year Plan. Action has been taken for the construction of forest lodges as well as provision of mini buses/elephants in National Parks/Wild Life Sanctuaries at Betla, Ranthambore, Similipal, Bandhavgarh, Enjal, Manas, Corbett, Dudhwa, Kaziranga, Chilha, Alwar, Madumalai, Pong Dam Lake, Ranuka Sanctuary, Tirthan and Sam Desert National Park etc.

One of the recommendations of the Seminar, recently conducted by the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, pertaining to the establishment of a Committee of Wild Life Experts to advise the Government in the development and promition of Wild Life Tourism; has been accepted by the Government.

(c) The Central Department of Tourism had accepted the proposal of construction of tourist cottages at Sam Desert National Park, Jaisalmer. An amount of Rs. 8.00 lakhs out of the estimated cost of Rs. 15.51 lakhs was released to the Government of Rajasthan in December, 1984. Howefer, the work could not be commenced so far by the State Government as the acquisition of land for the project has yet not been completed. It is expected that the State Government will be commencing this project very soon.

Press Report captioned "But where is the Computer, Sir"

1592. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report captioned "But where is the computer, Sir" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 31st January, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the computer has not so far been